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Overview

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Southern Command personnel handled 1,189 crashes as compared to 1,257 crashes in September of 2006. As compared to last year, crashes that resulted in fatalities decreased by 6. Overall total crashes decreased by 68 as compared to September 2006. The Southern Command preliminary documentation identified a 30.8 % decrease in the overall number of commercial vehicle crashes as compared to last year. Of the 54 commercial crashes investigated this month, one resulted in a fatality; 9 resulted in injuries, and the remaining 44 were property damage. Crashes involving commercial vehicles represented 4.5% of the total crashes handled by the Southern Command.

The Administrative Services Section of the Southern Command processed 987 crash reports in September 2007. This resulted in 3,764 crash reports being mailed out, 33 % less than last year during September. There were 952 visitors, requesting police services, at the Front Office which was a decrease of 8.5% when compared to September 2006. The Southern Command Communication Center logged 25,745 CAD incidents and 35,144 telephone calls. The CAD incidents can be attributed to field enforcement and response to traffic crashes, motorist assists, debris removal, medical assists, allied agency assistance, and traffic hazard mitigation.

The Southern Command had a decrease in overall traffic enforcement of 3.1% in September 2007, as compared to September 2006. DUI arrests from crashes increased by 7 as compared to last year. DUI arrests prior to crashes decreased over 18% as compared to last year. DUI enforcement is being addressed with all squads and Districts within Southern Command.

The Commercial Enforcement Section increased its Hazardous moving violation citations by 35%. Additionally there was a 2.3% increase of Safety Inspections during August. There were a total of 77 vehicles placed "Out of Service". Trucks weighed have decreased from last year. This decrease is being addressed with the Commercial Enforcement Section.

The Southern Command is driven to provide this community with a professional and effective law enforcement presence. The Southern Command extends a thank you to all those who assisted us in gaining success in our law enforcement services this past month.

CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	September 07	September 06	% Change	August 07	% Change
Total crashes	1189	1257	-5.4%	1264	-5.9%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	895	931	-3.9%	950	-5.8%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	287	313	-8.3%	304	-5.6%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	7	13	-46.2%	10	-30.0%
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	54	47	14.9%	55	-1.8%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	8	14	-42.9%	11	-27.3%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	2	3	-33.3%	4	-50.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	0	3	-300.0%	1	-100.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	3	3	0.0%	2	50.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0	2	-200.0%	2	-200.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	3	3	0.0%	2	50.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	54	78	-30.8%	67	-19.4%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	44	70	-37.1%	54	-18.5%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	9	7	28.6%	12	-25.0%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	1	1	0.0%	1	0.0%

CRASH ANALYSIS

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes .6 %
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 4.5%
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 40%
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 4.5%
- ✱ Total crashes down 5.4 % compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes down 30 % from last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes down 46 % as compared to last year.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS	September 07		September 06	% Change		August 07	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	54		47	14.9%		55	-1.8%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	180		221	-18.6%		192	-6.3%
Other arrests	868		1244	-30.2%		877	-1.0%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	393		508	-22.6%		406	-3.2%
Speed violations	4399		3945	11.5%		4084	7.7%
Hazardous moving violations	2292		2423	-5.4%		2308	-0.7%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	587		833	-29.5%		631	-7.0%
Total violations [above violations included]	11691		12065	-3.1%		11697	-0.1%
COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	89		66	34.8%		59	50.8%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	241		252	-4.4%		173	39.3%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	834		815	2.3%		696	19.8%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	1		0	100.0%		0	100.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	270		295	-8.5%		315	-14.3%
Total safety violations -- repair order	1425		1828	-22.0%		1493	-4.6%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	77		130	-40.8%		138	-44.2%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	35		82	-57.3%		57	-38.6%
Total school buses inspected	278		308	-9.7%		297	-6.4%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	19		46	-58.7%		26	-26.9%
Total trucks weighed	125		1327	-90.6%		516	-75.8%
Total overweight citations	49		61	-19.7%		45	8.9%
Total dyed fuel inspections	826		637	29.7%		697	18.5%
Total dyed fuel citations	1		1	0.0%		0	100.0%

*Seatbelt and Child Restraint ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]	Urban Ops		Rural Ops		Task Force
Level 2/3 Inspections			29		40
Safety Violations Citation			24		1
Safety Violations Repair Order			34		26
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"			2		
Dyed Fuel Inspections			6		
Dyed Fuel Citations			2		

DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS

- ✱ Average BAC 0.140%
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 32 years old.
- ✱ None of the DUI drivers arrested tested positive for controlled substance.
- ✱ 26% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	September 2007		September 2006	% Change		August 2007	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER							
Radio Transmissions from Console	245,102		205,592	19.2%		467,680	-47.6%
Radio Tx and Receive totals	775,927		973,995	-20.3%		898,269	-13.6%
CAD Incidents	25,745		25,768	-0.1%		26,608	-3.2%
Telephone Calls	35,144		32,004	9.8%		38,089	-7.7%
Call Box Incidents [Las Vegas only]	73		40	82.5%		123	-40.7%
FRONT OFFICE							
Accident Reports Processed	987		1,109	-11.0%		1,267	-22.1%
Arrest Reports Processed	396		497	-20.3%		375	5.6%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	23		3	666.7%		38	-39.5%
Vehicle Impound Releases	104		84	23.8%		135	-23.0%
Visitors at Counter	952		1,040	-8.5%		831	14.6%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	3,764		5,608	-32.9%		4,097	-8.1%
COURT / WARRANT							
Warrants Received	1,418		365	288.5%		837	69.4%
Warrants Entered	234		411	-43.1%		265	-11.7%
Warrants Cleared	369		278	32.7%		498	-25.9%
Warrants Validated	1,954		1,244	57.1%		1,955	-0.1%
Extradition / Transports	16		12	33.3%		11	45.5%
EVIDENCE							
New Cases Submitted	46		83	-44.6%		54	-14.8%
New Items Submitted	96		143	-32.2%		105	-7.6%
Items Disposed	18		71	-74.6%		103	-82.5%

EVIDENCE

- ★ Nevada Highway Patrol responsible for 89.10 % of case submissions.
- ★ Parole and Probation responsible for 6.50 % of case submissions.
- ★ Division of Investigation responsible for 4.30 % of case submissions.
- ★ State Fire Marshal was responsible for 0 % of case submissions.
- ★ Attorney General's Office is responsible for 0 % of case submissions.

CONTRACT SERVICES

- 19 Contracts using 310.5 hours, billed in the amount of \$20,282.58

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIO Meetings	Accident Response
1139	8	98	25	10

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
583	396	36	84	53	31

Community service appearances:

- Las Vegas College, Durango H.S. Craig E.S. Arbor View H.S.

Additional Appearances and Meetings:

- Planning of Joining Forces Recognition Banquet
- Seatbelt and Traffic Safety Presentation w/AAA Nevada
- Guest speaker at Safeway Driving Academy
- Guest speaker at Northwest Driving School
- Second meeting of Las Vegas traffic Advisory Task Force
- Traffic Safety Presentation for returning members of the Nevada Nat'l Guard
- P.A.C.E. Yourself teen driving program / partners meeting
- Award recipient from Las Vegas Rotary
- Joining Forces Conference Mesquite
- NHTSA teen aged seat belt planning meeting
- 9/11 Memorial
- NASCAR Craftsman Truck Race
- Embarq Car Show w/Seatbelt Convincer

PIO Projects:

1. HEAT Racing.
2. Driver's Edge Program.
3. Child seat check; Safekids and AAA.
4. NASCAR Craftsman Truck Race
5. Use of Seatbelt Simulator.